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SUBJECT: CCMS: SPRING 1975 PLENARY-COASTAL WATER POLLUTION-OIL
SPILLS

REF: USNATO 2069; USNATO 1420 (NOTAL)

1. AS PILOT COUNTRY, BELGIUM (RENSON) BRIEFLY DESCRIBED EXPERTS MEETING ON 1970 NATO OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION REVISION AND UPDATE AT NATO LAST FALL AND OBSERVED THAT SOME OF COMMENTS ON DRAFT REVISED RESOLUTION (TEXT BELOW) HAD ONLY BEEN RECEIVED AT END OF MARCH. THE FRG HAD REQUESTED SOME CHANGES IN DRAFT, BUT IN DISCUSSION AT PLENARY FRG REP (BONK) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH CURRENT FORMULATION FOLLOWING EXPLANATIONS BY RENSON THAT: 1) MEETING OF EXPERTS ON COUNTERMEASURES, AS CALLED FOR IN DRAFT REVISION OF RESOLUTION, WOULD SUPPLEMENT RATHER THAN DUPLICATE IMCO MEETING IN MEXICO IN SPRING OF 1976; AND 2) THERE WILL BE FULL AND CONTINUING COORDINATION BETWEEN CCMS AND IMCO. FRENCH REP (MASSIN) SUGGESTED THAT MORE EMPHASIS BE GIVEN TO DETECTION OF POLLUTANTS AND THEIR SOURCES. CANADIAN REP (EDGEWORTH) EXPRESSED CANADA'S SUPPORT FOR BELGIAN DRAFT AND ALSO ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH FRENCH SUGGESTION.

2. US REP (BARNUM) URGED EARLY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AS PRESENTLY FORMULATED; HE ALSO EXPRESSED SPECIFIC SUPPORT FOR 1976 CONFERENCE ON COUNTERMEASURES AS PROPOSED IN REVISED RESOLUTION. HE WENT ON TO DESCRIBE THE THREE US NATIONAL EMERGENCY STRIKE FORCE TEAMS AND THEIR ROLES IN THE METULA AND SHOWA MARU INCIDENTS AT THE INVITATION OF CHILE AND JAPAN, RESPECTIVELY.

3. NORWEGIAN REP (CHRISTENSON) INDICATED THAT NORWAY WISHED TO RESERVE ITS POSITION PENDING FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS FIELD.

4. PRESENT TEXT OF REVISED 1970 NATO OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION, AS NOW FORMALLY TABLED IN CCMS BY BELGIUM, FOLLOWS BELOW:

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CONFIRMING THEIR WILL TO UNDERTAKE ALL STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL SPILLS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN 1970. (C-M(70) 64 REVISED) AS FAR AS NOT YET ACHIEVED AND REITERATING ON THE WHOLE THE ADVISABILITY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

CONSIDERING THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN CATALYZING ACTION BY COUNTRIES AND WITHIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS COMPETENT IN THE FIELD

CONSIDERING THAT THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ALLIANCE HAS PERMITTED A VERY IMPORTANT WORK OF CONSCIOUSNESS, OF EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POINTS OF VIEWS AND THAT IT HAS

GIVEN RISE TO NUMEROUS MEASURES BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO MINIMIZE OR ELIMINATE POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL.

RECOGNIZING THAT IN SPITE OF THE ACTIONS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, NAMELY THE IMCO, THE EFFORT OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE WITHIN THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, MUST BE CONTINUED.

NOTING THAT CERTAIN POINTS, IN PARTICULAR, WHICH ARE NOT AND WILL PROBABLY NOT BE EXAMINED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, SHOULD IN THE OPINION OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION.

CONSIDERING THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME THE GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT IS NO LONGER THE MOST USEFUL PROCEDURE IN THIS CASE AND AT THIS STAGE, OWING TO THE PRESENT WORKS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ALSO TO THE PRIORITIES OF THE ADVANCED ACTIONS.

DECLARE THEIR FIRM RESOLUTION:

1) TO MAINTAIN THEIR EFFORTS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOVEMBER 1970 AS FAR AS NOT YET ACHIEVED.

2) TO PROCEED WITH AN INTENSE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION OF TYPE OF OIL, AND DEALING WITH OIL SPILLS AT SEA, AND IN THIS AIM TO
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PREPARE A MEETING OF EXPERTS, TO BE HELD WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD (2 YEARS) IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE STATE OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TECHNOLOGIES.

3) TO RE-EXAMINE, FOLLOWING THIS ACTION IF THERE ARE STILL PRIORITY OR NEW ITEMS WHICH SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

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5. MISSION COMMENT: FOREGOING TEXT IS RENSON'S OWN ENGLISH TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH LANGUAGE ORIGINAL, AS MODIFIED BY COMMENTS MADE AT PLENARY. NATO SECRETARIAT WILL GO OVER ENGLISH VERSION WITH HIM IN INTEREST OF SMOOTHING OUT LANGUAGE FOR EDITORIAL PURPOSES BEFORE OFFICIAL VERSION IS ISSUED HERE IN AC/274 SERIES FOR ACTION BY CCMS AT NEXT PLENARY.BRUCE

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